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Sir:

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No further information is believed necessary at this time, and Applicant respectfully requests confirmation that all of the prior art of record in the parent application has been considered herein.

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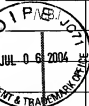
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